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### The CIA's Ironic Ground Rules

Though critics accuse the CIA of censoring detractors and okaying loyalists when former agents turn author, one ex-CIA man can't get required clearance for a favorable book on the agency. William Hood's book is about Piotr Popov, a Soviet intelligence agent who spied for the United States in the 1950s, until he was caught and executed; the episode is still so hush-hush that the CIA won't acknowledge it. Meanwhile, the agency has approved two articles by Philip Agee, the renegade agent who in previous writings has blown the cover of CIA field officers. Agee's articles blast the agency but spill no secrets.